

**SHEBOYGAN COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**REMOTE MEETING
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Date: February 18, 2021 Called to Order: 2:32 p.m. Adjournment: 3:15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Matt Strittmater, Thomas Wegner, Derek Muench, and Sarah Louisier

OTHERS PRESENT: Traci Robinson, Linda Spitzer, and Jeff Agee-Aguayo

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Hesselink, Brian Hoffmann, Roger TeStroete, Marie Seger, Michelle Acevedo

Ms. Spitzer called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW

The agenda for the Sheboygan County Transportation Coordinating Committee was posted on February 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

INTRODUCTIONS

Brief introductions were given by each committee member.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: October 15, 2020

Thomas Wegner made a motion to approve the October 15, 2020 minutes as posted and Matt Strittmater seconded that motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

None.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY ELDERLY-DISABLED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

5310 Vehicle Purchase and Operating Grant

Ms. Spitzer stated the Department of Transportation awarded counties 47.5% of requested 5310 grant amounts for 2021 for operating costs. For Sheboygan County this meant the request for \$45,400.00 was reduced to \$15,000.00 for 2021. However, Department of Transportation announced some additional funds related to the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) were provided to Wisconsin Department of Transportation to supplement the 5310 program and were to be distributed as quickly as possible. Through the CRRSAA Act, Sheboygan County will be awarded an additional \$6,228.00 for a total in 2021 of \$20, 922.00. Which still leaves Sheboygan County with a shortage of about \$15,000.00. The plan to cover the remainder of operating costs for the volunteer driver program will come from additional COVID relief funds that were made available through the Older American Act – Title III. Funding we receive for supportive services and senior centers that can be used to fund transportation services for seniors.

Mr. Muench stated the joint county/city purchaser Bernie Rammer is in the process of completing the purchase orders for one medium bus. This bus will be purchased through A & J Vans and will be gas instead of diesel.

Ms. Robinson stated due to COVID 19 the rural/volunteer driver program is currently on hold at this time. With the exception of those individuals who need transportation for dialysis or cancer treatments. The rural vans are being utilized at the Adell meal site for the home delivered meals program. These meals are being delivered in the southern part of the county. Department of Transportation has given permission to use these vans for this purpose therefore the mileage and volunteer service hours can be reported.

Ridership Update

Mr. Muench stated in 2020 trips were down 45% on the fixed and paratransit routes. Mr. Muench stated there were 33,314 trips in 2019 and 18,564 trips in 2020. In 2021 schools are starting to reopen and ridership on the fixed routes will rebound.

Other

Ms. Robinson noted the volunteer drivers are now being offered the COVID 19 vaccination. Ninety-five percent of the drivers would like to be vaccinated.

NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Muench stated there are constant struggles with the current broker MTM. A new broker VEYO will be taking over Mr. Muench is not sure when the contract expires with MTM. Hoping the transition period will go smoothly. VEYO seems like a good option. Currently operating in six states. Wisconsin will be the seventh.

SHORELINE METRO

Mr. Muench stated Metro Connection customers no longer receive tokens or punch cards when purchasing fare media. Rather these funds are applied to an e-ride account and this system deducts trips from the individuals account each time the individual rides the bus. It works very similar to a debit card. With the COVID19 pandemic the fare-less media improves the safety of the customers and drivers. It will also decrease costs for maintaining tokens and punch cards.

Shoreline Metro does provide face masks for riders that are in need of one. Additional mask signage has been installed on all buses.

Mr. Muench stated a sanitizing fogger was purchased for safety reasons since the pandemic. Each bus is completely sanitized twice a week. It takes about 10 minutes to apply and then let it breath for one hour and this completes the sanitization process.

ADJOURNMENT

Derek Muench made a motion that was seconded by Sarah Louisier to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Patti Schmitt
Recording Secretary